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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/1 of 17 October 1994, 59/20 of 8 November 2004, 61/48 of 4 December 2006, 63/200 of 19 December 2008, 65/316 of 12 September 2011, 67/303 of 16 September 2013 and 69/318 of 10 September 2015,

Recognizing the key role the Pacific Islands Forum continues to play in promoting sustainable development, environmental protection, good governance and peace and security, as well as supporting integrated ocean policy, in the Pacific through regional cooperation,

Taking note, in this regard, of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism adopted by Pacific Islands Forum leaders in July 2014 as a vital part of the sustainable development blueprint for the Pacific region,

Recalling the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (Samoa Pathway),[1] the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2] the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for

[1] Resolution 69/15, annex.
[2] Resolution 70/1.

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Development,[3] the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[4] and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,[5]

Recognizing the important role and contribution of the United Nations system in the region of the Pacific Islands Forum members,

Recalling the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States and the global commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address those vulnerabilities, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[6] the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[7] and the Samoa Pathway,

Reaffirming the importance of enhanced high-level dialogue between the members of the Pacific Islands Forum and the United Nations, including regular meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Forum leaders, and recalling with appreciation the first-ever participation by a Secretary-General at a Forum, at the forty-second Forum, held on 7 and 8 September 2011 in Auckland, New Zealand, and summit meetings between the Secretary-General and Forum leaders held in New York on 26 September 2012, 26 September 2014, 1 October 2015 and 23 September 2016,

Mindful of recent developments at the United Nations of particular interest to Pacific Islands Forum members, including the designations by the General Assembly of World Tsunami Awareness Day,[8] International Day of the Tropics[9] and World Tuna Day,[10]

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[11]

Welcoming the continued mutually beneficial dialogue between the Pacific Islands Forum leaders and the Secretary-General,

1. *Encourages* the scheduling of the next meeting between the Secretary-General and Pacific Islands Forum leaders for September 2017, on the margins of the general debate;

2. *Looks forward* to a visit by the Secretary-General to the region of the Pacific Islands Forum members at the earliest possible date;

3. *Recalls* the joint statements issued by Pacific Islands Forum leaders and the Secretary-General on 7 September 2011, 26 September 2012 and 29 September 2014, and urges further progress towards their practical implementation in a timely manner;

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[3] Resolution 69/313, annex.
[4] See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.
[5] Resolution 69/283, annex II.
[6] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.
[7] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.
[8] Resolution 70/203.
[9] Resolution 70/267.
[10] Resolution 71/124.
[11] A/71/160-S/2016/621 and Add.1.

4. *Urges* the United Nations system to align its work programmes and operations in the region of the Forum members in accordance with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system[12] and in support of internationally agreed outcomes, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,[1] the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2] the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,[3] the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[4] and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,[5] taking into account the priorities of the Pacific Islands Forum members, including as reflected in regional agreements such as the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific;

5. *Encourages* continued support from the United Nations system for the efforts of Pacific States and relevant regional organizations to achieve sustainable development, and calls for greater accountability and regular reporting with regard to the support provided by the United Nations system, including through its regional and country programmes, to Pacific island States;

6. *Welcomes* the progress towards enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum and its associated institutions, and urges them to continue to strengthen their partnership and regional collaboration for the implementation of internationally agreed outcomes in the region of the Forum members;

7. *Also welcomes* the partnerships establishing the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Tonga on 26 April 2017, with a view to forming an emerging global network of regional centres, thereby expanding dialogue and cooperation on sustainable energy, and stresses the importance of further partnerships for supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region of the Forum members;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the final findings of the comprehensive review by the Joint Inspection Unit of United Nations system support for small island developing States, and looks forward to its consideration by the General Assembly;

9. *Stresses*, in that regard, the value of enhanced close cooperation and coordination between the programmes and activities of the United Nations system and Pacific Islands Forum members, the Forum Secretariat and associated institutions, including the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, welcomes recent efforts by United Nations and regional agencies in the Pacific to enhance cooperation through joint activities, working groups and other means, and encourages further practical steps to enhance such cooperation and coordination;

10. *Also stresses* the importance of resident coordinators and United Nations country teams in the region of the Forum members strengthening consultations with national Governments and relevant stakeholders, including the Pacific Islands Forum, in accordance with its resolution 71/243 of 21 December 2016, and ensuring that the development and implementation of all United Nations programme and plan documents increase coherence and coordination in support of national development needs and priorities;

11. *Further stresses* the importance of coherent and integrated approaches to building resilience to extreme weather events, including both slow and rapid onset events, and to stressors related to increased climate variability across the Pacific;

[12] Resolution 71/243.

12. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthening resilience and mitigating risks in the region of the Forum members and encourages the United Nations system to work collaboratively with the Pacific Islands Forum and associated institutions in this regard;

13. *Also reiterates* the importance of continuing to enhance and strengthen the United Nations field presence in the region of the Forum members, in accordance with its resolution 71/243, in particular with regard to operational activities of the multi-country offices, using flexible, cost-effective and collaborative models, as appropriate;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum".